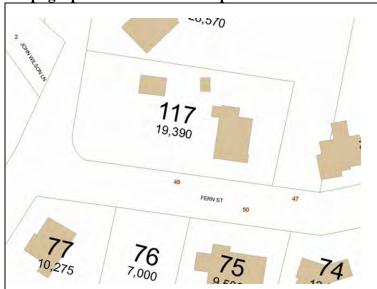
# FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING 220 Morrissey Boulevard BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



**Topographic or Assessor's Map** 



Recorded by: Lisa Mausolf

Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year): Feb. 2010

Boston 14/117 1565 North

Area(s)

Form Number

**USGS** Quad

Town: Lexington

Assessor's Number

**Place:** (neighborhood or village)

East Lexington

Address: 49 Fern Street

Historic Name: John Felt House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

**Date of Construction: 1902?** 

Source:

Style/Form: Queen Anne/Shingle

Architect/Builder: unknown

**Exterior Material:** 

Foundation:

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** 

shed

Major Alterations (with dates):

Date? - rear addition, new windows

**Condition:** good

Moved: no | x | yes | | Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage: 0.45 acre

**Setting:** mixed 19<sup>th</sup> century residential on narrow road off

Pleasant Street

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02125

LEXINGTON

**49 FERN STREET** 

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

#### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The house at 49 Fern Street is a 2 ½-story gablefront dwelling constructed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century or early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is sheathed in wood shingles with decorative shingles filling the front gable. A single-story porch spanning the façade is partially enclosed and there is a lesser gable projection with clipped corners resting on the east end of the porch roof. Windows contain a mix of 6/1 and 1/1 sash. A deck spans the west elevation and there is a single-story addition at the northwest corner.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house appears to have been constructed at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century for the Felt family. John Felt is described in the 1899 directory as a poultry fancier. John Felt married Charlotte Avery on August 5, 1898. The couple appears to have lived on Pleasant Street. It was sold by Charlotte Felt's estate in 1902 to George Parsons of Cambridge. The deed indicates that the land with buildings sold for \$1,385.

George Parsons sold the property to Florence Sanborn, wife of Frederick Sanborn in 1907. Florence Sanborn Millan sold it to John Whitney in 1915. It remained in the Whitney family until about 1940. The current owner has owned the house since 1977.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

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